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**Amendments to the Claims:**

The listing of claims shall replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the subject application.

**Listing of the Claims:**

1-27 (Canceled)

28. (Previously Presented) A combination comprising:

a bicycle, the bicycle including a frame, a front fork pivotally connected to the frame, and a rear wheel;

a bicycle rack adapted for mounting to an automotive vehicle, the bicycle being secured to the bicycle rack;

a front wheel of the bicycle removed from the front fork; and

an enclosure substantially containing the front wheel therein, the enclosure being secured to the bicycle at two or more locations.

29. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 28, wherein the enclosure is secured to the frame.

30. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 28, wherein the bicycle is at least partially secured to the bicycle rack at the front fork.

31. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 28, wherein the enclosure comprises a hard-shell container.

32. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 28, wherein the two or more locations comprise at three locations.

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33. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 28, wherein the enclosure comprises a fabric bag.
34. (Previously Presented) A bag for attaching to a bicycle:  
an enclosure sized to substantially contain a front wheel of the bicycle that has been removed from the bicycle, the enclosure having opposing first and second faces;  
a first connector attached to the enclosure on or proximate the first face at a first location;  
a second connector attached to the enclosure on or proximate the first face at a second location; and  
a third connector attached to the enclosure on or proximate the first face at a third location, each location forming a corner of a hypothetical triangle and each connector being adapted to securely attach with a portion of the bicycle.
35. (Previously Presented) The bag of claim 34, wherein the first, second and third connectors are attached to the enclosure on the first face at respective first, second and third locations.
36. (Previously Presented) The bag of claim 34, wherein the first connector comprises at least one strap coupled at one end to the bag at the first location and corresponding surfaces of hook and loop material, wherein the strap is adapted to at least partially wrap around a portion of the bicycle and wherein the corresponding hook and loop material surfaces are joined to secure the bag to the bicycle at the first location.
37. (Previously Presented) The bag of claim 34, wherein the first connector comprises at least one strap coupled at one end to the bag at the first location and a corresponding buckle, wherein the strap is adapted to (i) at least partially wrap around a portion of the bicycle and (ii) secure the bag to the bicycle at the first location by way of the buckle.
38. (Previously Presented) The bag of claim 34, wherein the enclosure is conformal about the bicycle wheel when the bicycle wheel is contained therein.

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39. (Previously Presented) The bag of claim 34, wherein the first and second faces are primarily flexible except at locations proximate the center of each face wherein a rigid or semi-rigid sheet material is secured to the respective first or second face.
40. (Previously Presented) The bag of claim 34, wherein the enclosure is comprised of an elastic fabric material.